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Mr. Anthony Brown Project Manager, Mining Atlantic Richfield Company 4 Centerpointe Drive La Palma, CA 90623-1066

Re: Rico Argentine Mine Site – Unilateral Administrative Order for Removal Action ("UAO")
Docket No. CERCLA-08-2011-0005 – Schedule Modifications Request 2013

Dear Mr. Brown:

This letter is provided in response to the Atlantic Richfield request for extending completion of work and interim deliverables related to the subject UAO. Enclosed are a series of questions and discussion points that must be addressed before a decision is made regarding the proposed schedule modifications. Although we have discussed these topics previously, I am providing these more detailed questions in advance of the technical meeting planned for April 30, 2013. Please be prepared to respond to these items during the meeting.

Following the meeting, EPA will issue a written schedule modification to Atlantic Richfield. The one task that is currently past due, Task (F2) Water Treatment Conceptual Designs may be delayed until the overall schedule modifications are provided.

I look forward to working through this matter and reviewing the information on April 30th. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Steven Way, OSC

Emergency Response Unit

Enclosure

cc: Amelia Piggott, 8ENF-L

